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Bienvenidos!

Best Practices- Job Creation in Immigrant Communities

Today's Talk

- About MEDA and Plaza Adelante
- CED and JOLI Projects
- Best Practices in Job Creation

 San Francisco Latino Immigrants
- Challenges to Job Creation
- Q&A





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About the Mission Economic Development Agency

MEDA's Mission

Achieve **economic justice** for San Francisco's low- and moderate-income **Latino families** through **asset development.**



MEDA's Background

- Incorporated in 1973
- Early on, Focused on Loan Packaging
- 2001-2008, Expanded Scope and Level of Services Provided
- 2008, Revised Strategic Plan:
 - Focused Mission on Asset Development
 - Expanded Services to Include Financial Education
 - Included Evaluation, Community Organizing and Policy Development as Core Strategies
 - Developed vision for a Service Integration Model (a full spectrum of family support and asset development services for Latinos) at Plaza Adelante.
- 2010 Plaza Adelante Grand Opening



Where we are



PLAZA ADELANTE

"A one-stop asset development & financial services center"

MEDA

Mission Asset Fund
CAMINOS Pathways Learning Center
Good Samaritan Family Resource Center
Causa Justa::Just Cause
Opportunity Fund
WAGES

SF Office of Economic & Workforce Development/Jewish Vocational Services



MEDA's Asset Development Model







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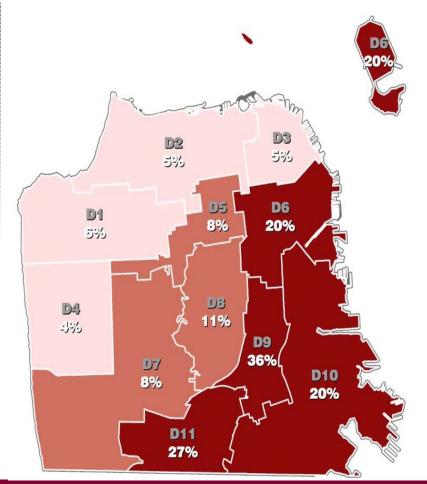
Latinos in San Francisco

San Francisco's Latino Population 2010

• 15.1% of overall population

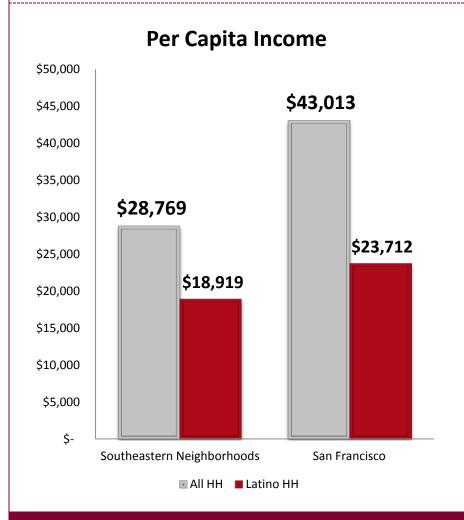
From 2000 – 2010 the Latino population

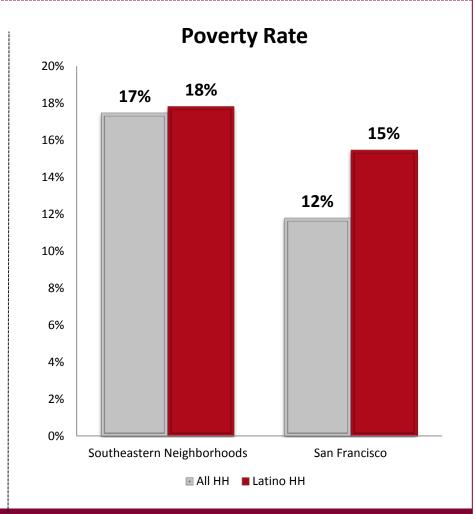
- Increased by 11.2% or 12,270
- Decreased in the Mission District
- Increased in South- Eastern neighborhoods





Income and Poverty







2010 MEDA Client Demographics

Overall

- 78% People of Color
- 56% Latino
- 17% White
- 5% Other

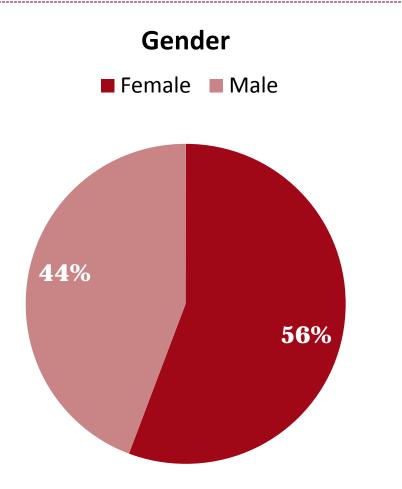
84% of clients were at or below 100% HUD AMI

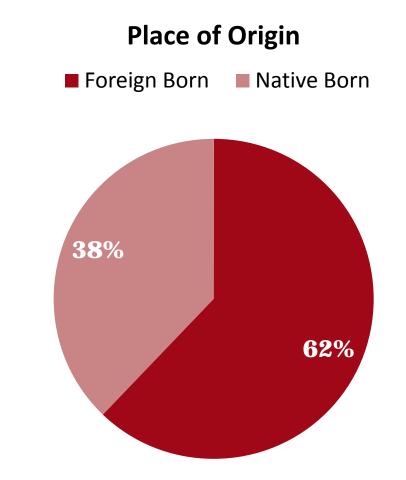
Tax Program

• 90% Latino



2010 MEDA Client Demographic







Cost of Living Soars, Incomes Stagnate

According to a formula called the Self-Sufficiency Standard, a family of four (with two adults, one preschooler and one school-age child) in the nine-county Bay Area now needs \$74,341 a year to get by, compared with \$62,517 three years ago.

Source: http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-

bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/10/04/MNB11LD969.DTL#ixzz1n9Ksrggg





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MEDA's CED and JOLI Projects

2009 JOLI Grant- Family Childcare Program

Goals- 60 Jobs in 3 years

- Family Childcare Program
- Other industries (e.g. retail, food businesses, etc.)
- Integrated services @ Plaza Adelante

Clients receive grants of up to \$1,500 for startup costs

• YTD: 42 full time jobs; 9 part time jobs (51 total) and 39 new businesses created as of October 31, 2011.



2010 CED Grant, Plaza Adelante

3 Businesses, 40 Jobs

- Lead Dust Abatement Social Enterprise (Lead Free)
- Kid's Club @ Plaza Adelante
- El Mercadito

YTD: CED helped create 5 full time and 3 part time jobs (8 total); creating three new businesses.





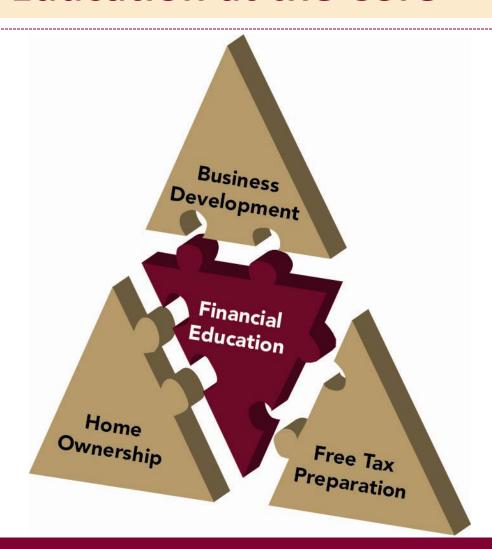
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Financial Education & Coaching

Financial Education at the Core





Financial Education Program Structure

ALL MEDA clients learn about debt, savings, credit

- 2 hour workshop
- One-on-one follow up coaching sessions (2-3)
- Access to financial products



Financial Products

Combined financing & credit building opportunities

- FIELD/Banamex Secured Card
- Kiva Microloans
- Opportunity Fund Loans
- Cestas
- JOLI grants



Common Indicators

Each client has the same personal financial goals.

Goals

- Savings = 3+ months of expenses
- Credit score = 650 or above
- Debt to income ratio = < 40%





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Service Integration

Service Integration is...

The **coordination and explicit linking** of direct services in order **to improve effectiveness and outcomes** for users and providers.



Service Integration

Is not:

- A new program
- Client referrals
- More work, but a way to work
- Easy

It is:

- Leveraging existing services
- Creating systems and infrastructure to integrate services.
- Evaluating and comparing client outcomes
- Letting go of client ownership



Why integrate services?

Benefits to Clients

- Greater access
- Centralized location and entry point for services
- Better communication from service providers

BETTER CLIENT OUTCOMES!

Benefits to Providers

- Maximize resources
- Target client needs
- Increased efficiency
- Increased communication
- Increased collaboration

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Better Client Outcomes

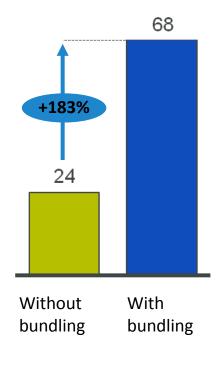
Center for Working Families

Clients who received bundled services had a 25% chance of achieving a major economic outcome compared to 8% for clients who received 1 service.

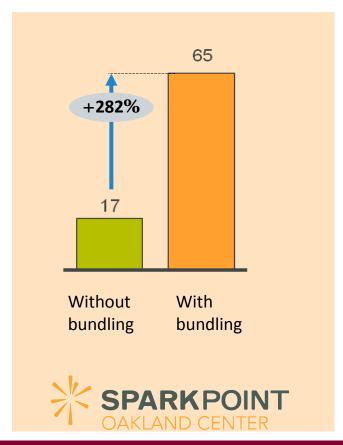


SparkPoint Centers

Clients who achieved major economic outcomes



Bon Secours, Baltimore





Services Provided







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Targeted Job Creation Strategies

Family Childcare Business Development

- Strong opportunity for income generation among immigrants
- Low startup costs
- Daycare needs in many urban areas are unmet (more children than slots)
- Many providers excel in childcare; but lack business skills



Family Childcare Program



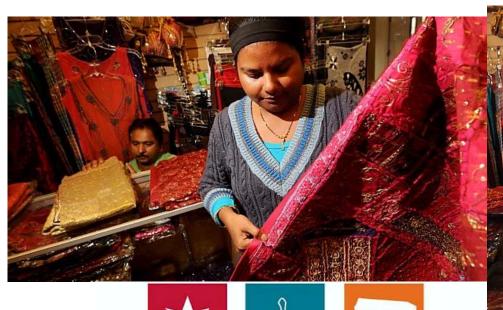


El Mercadito Business Incubator

- Addresses retail space needs
- Divided Mission Street retail space into 10 available spaces for entrepreneurs, rents between \$200-\$1,000
- Mix of retail: Jewelry, clothing, holistic wellness, gifts.
- Combined with financing opportunities, computer training
- Access to integrated services at Plaza Adelante
- Expansion to Tenderloin neighborhood



Simmi's Boutique, El Mercadito









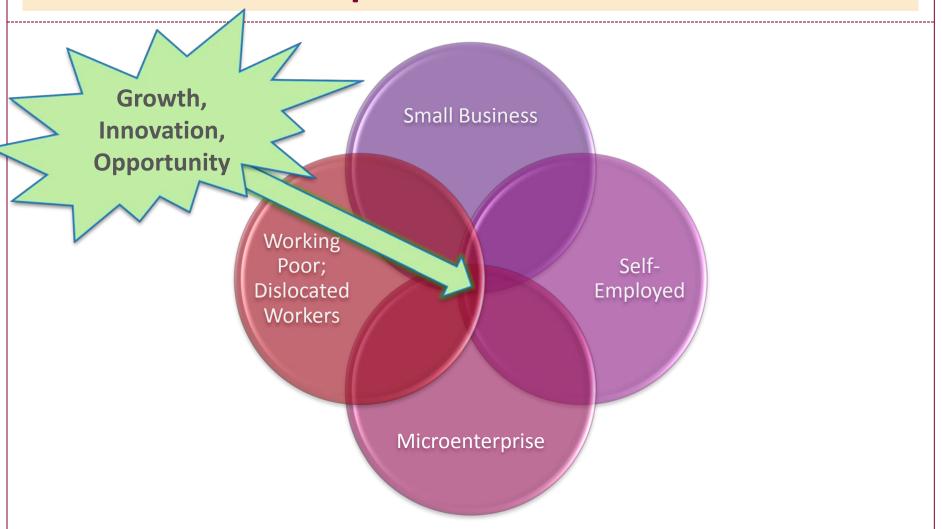
EL MERCFIDITO

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Accelerate SF-Business Expansion meets Workforce Development





Accelerating Small Business Growth

Target Market: Businesses with 6-19 employees

- Staffing plans and related budgets
- Job analyses
- Candidate Sourcing/HR Growth Strategies **Related Services**
- Marketing Strategy

- Financing Options
- Procurement & Contracting
- Financial Management
- Retention strategies





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Challenges to Job Creation

Biggest Challenges Among MEDA Clients

- Lack of knowledge of U.S. financial and business systems
- Clients face multiple barriers
- Lack of credit history
- Lack of access to capital (especially for startups)



Overcoming Challenges

- Coaching model
- Service integration
- Financial education at the core
- Access to financial products, combining financing opportunities
- Self Employed Tax initiative
- Investigating lending opportunities









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Q&A